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CIA Chief Promises a New Image for Agency

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Adm. Stansfield Turner told several hundred Bay Area residents on Friday that he intends to shine up the long-tarnished image of U.S. central intelligence.

Speaking before the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco, Turner promised to make U.S. intelligence operations as open and honest as possible.

Turner emphasized that the Central Intelligence Agency's secret financing of human behavior control research occurred 12 to 24 years ago and is "past history."

CIA Director Turner had testified to Congress about that research on Wednesday, the same day it was learned that President Carter had given the admiral expanded control over national intelligence operations.

Turner now has authority over intelligence divisions in the Departments of State, Defense, Energy, the Treasury and overseas operations of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Turner called the CIA-financed research "abhorrent," and expressed regret that some of the experiments had taken place in San Francisco.

"This kind of activity is not and will not be tolerated in the CIA today," Turner declared.

He said documents about the mind control experiments had been found buried in old CIA files under the title "Financial Arrangements" and had been turned over to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Citing the Privacy Act, he refused to disclose any of the names in those documents.

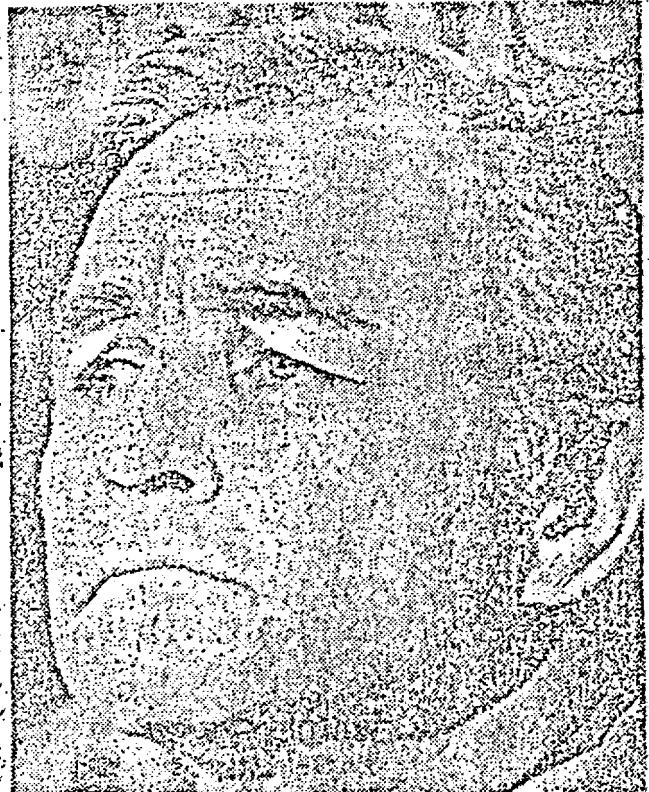
Turner said he sincerely believes that there are no more skeletons in the CIA's closet.

In his new role, Turner said he intends to stress propriety and legality in collecting intelligence. "Collecting intelligence" is a euphemism for "spying," he said, and referred to it as "spying" thereafter.

While this new emphasis on propriety may work to the country's disadvantage in some ways, Turner said he would not trade places with any other nation.

The above-board policy will also extend to "covert actions" by the CIA, he said — those actions which the CIA takes overseas to try to secretly influence events.

"The CIA has been given the responsibility for covert action, but in recent years we have had controls established on it. There is no way I could initiate a covert action," Turner commented. He explained that he must inform the President, the National Security



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Admiral Stansfield Turner

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